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Message from City Manager

Dear Residents,

As Troy nears the winter months and the holiday season, I am pleased to extend warm wishes for safe, happy holidays to you and your family on behalf of the City administration and staff.

The City of Troy lost a very dear friend with the passing of Harriet Barnard on October 5. Harriet was the fifth generation of her family to live in Troy. Married on January 25, 1941 to Judge Norman Barnard, they purchased the historic Johnson Niles home on Livernois. Harriet generously gave the 1837 home, where she and the Judge raised their six children, to the Troy Historical Society. The historic home will be brought to the Troy Museum & Historic Village site in the near future to keep alive the Barnard legacy. Harriet was active in the First United Methodist Church of Troy and was a former Brownie, Cub Scout and 4-H leader. She was also a member of Troy Youth Assistance, Animal Control Board, Troy Historical Commission, Troy Historical Society, Troy Township Volunteer Fire Department and so many other organizations. Harriet Barnard was a remarkable woman and will be missed by the entire Troy community.

This community is certainly one to be proud of as we have so many volunteers who share the same dedication that Harriet Barnard displayed. It comes as no surprise to me that Troy continues to be recognized as one of the premiere places to live, work, learn and play thanks to our quality City services, A+ rated schools, ranking as the #1 Best City to Live in Michigan and #22 City in the Nation as named by *CNNMoney.com*, #1 safest city in Michigan, low taxes, diversified tax base, AAA bond ratings, and a vibrant business community.

Thanks to sound fiscal management, Troy has positioned itself to continue to maintain the highest levels of public service enjoyed by both residents and visitors alike. Whether you need police, fire or public works to assist you, a library for a quiet place to study, or a park

to relax and enjoy the great outdoors, my pledge is that you will continue to enjoy these first-class services, facilities and programs well into the future at a very low cost.

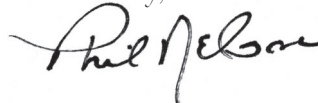
The year 2008 has been good for the City of Troy. We continue to see growth in our residential and business development. Through September, the number of building permits issued totaled 1,138 with a permit valuation totaling over \$76 million. Single family dwelling permits totaled 36. These new housing projects as well as our new business developments are a positive boost for our local, regional and state economy. Check out all the new projects on pages 8-9 including the newly built headquarters for Seco Tools, Kelly Services' major investment, and ProMetal RCT's new technology to create molds for laser printing machines which will all create new jobs along with an increase of City, School, County and State tax revenues.

In this issue of the Troy Today, be sure to check out all of our first class programs, events, classes and opportunities for you to celebrate Troy's excellent quality of life.

Looking forward to a new year, I remind you that your City offices are available for information and assistance. If you have a question about City services, do not hesitate to call. You may also consult the City website at www.troymi.gov or contact Cindy Stewart, Community Affairs Director at 248.524.1147.

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,



Phil Nelson, City Manager



City Directory

Troy City Offices & Facilities

Animal Control (Police Dept).....	248.524.3477
Assessing Dept.....	248.524.3311
Board & Commission Information	248.524.3316
Building Inspection.....	248.524.3344
City Clerk	248.524.3316
City Manager.....	248.524.3330
Community Affairs	248.524.1147
Emergencies.....	911
Engineering.....	248.524.3383
Fire (non-emergency)	248.524.3419
Human Resources	248.524.3339
Police (non-emergency).....	248.524.3477
Public Works	248.524.3392
Recycling / Solid Waste	248.524.3399
Senior Citizens	248.524.3484
Treasurer.....	248.524.3333
Water & Sewer Services	248.524.3370

Troy Elected Officials

Louise Schilling, Mayor	248.524.3500
Robin Beltramini, Councilwoman	248.879.8898
Cristina Broomfield, Councilwoman	248.879.2175
David Eisenbacher, Councilman	248.619.7119
Wade Fleming, Councilman	248.310.3626
Martin Howrylak, Mayor Pro Tem	248.643.6653
Mary Kerwin, Councilwoman	248.879.7909

Troy Public Library

Adult Services	248.524.3537
Circulation	248.524.3538
Front Desk	248.524.3538
Outreach	248.524.3554
Troy Historical Museum	248.524.3570
Youth Services	248.524.3541

Troy Parks & Recreation

Community Center Rec Passes	248.524.3484
Family Aquatic Center	248.524.3514
Parks & Recreation Hotline	248.689.9756
Recreation Programs	248.524.3484
Sanctuary Lake Golf Course	248.619.7671
Senior Citizens	248.524.3484
Stage Nature Center	248.524.3567
Sylvan Glen Golf Course	248.619.7674
Troy Community Center	248.524.3484

Troy School District

Administration Building	248.823.4000
Adult & Community Education	248.823.5100

Other Recreation Organizations

Baseball Boosters	248.689.6390
Boys & Girls Club of Troy	248.689.1687
Racquet Club	248.528.3400
Youth Football	248.879.5715
Youth Soccer League	248.524.0170

Winter Weather News

Please keep walkways clear this winter

School children, seniors, and persons with disabilities or physical challenges deserve clear, safe sidewalks to get around Troy.

Property owners are responsible for clearing the snow from their sidewalks, as noted in Chapter 34 of the City

Code. As pedestrians, common sense still dictates that we be wary of slippery patches of snow and ice. Southeastern Michigan weather frequently brings several freeze-thaw cycles. This causes icy patches without any additional snowfall. Property owners clearing their sidewalks and everyone watching their step is the best combination for pedestrian safety this winter.



Being a good neighbor is the best volunteer job in the world

Maybe they are elderly, or a single parent with young children. Maybe they are disabled. If you notice your neighbor is having difficulty getting their leaves raked or the snow cleared from their walkway and driveway, please give them a hand. Ask another neighbor or two to help you – you'll have it done in no time

Why is it the best volunteer job? You don't have to travel far, you have the equipment on hand, and it will make your neighborhood a friendlier place. Thanks goes out to every citizen who answers this call.

When it snows...

Snowplow crews need your help during storms:

- Don't park on the street. We do not come back to plow after a car has been moved, as this is not an efficient use of staff and equipment.
- When driving, give salt trucks extra room.
- Beware of approaching snowplows. Snow can be thrown and may contain rocks or road debris.
- Don't shovel snow from your drive into the street since this creates icy patches and makes the roadway unsafe.
- Drive carefully.



When does my road get plowed?

The City initiates snowplowing of local roads when snow accumulates more than 4 inches. The City rotates the neighborhood roads plowing schedule. If your section was one of the first on the most recent snow event, it could be one of the last for the next one, or somewhere in the middle. Keep in mind that neighborhood roads don't get plowed until after 1) Major City & County Roads, 2) City Industrial Roads, and 3) School Entry Roads. After all those, the City does local roads – including neighborhood streets.

Be patient, and if you need to drive in inclement weather, give yourself plenty of extra time to get where you're going. If you need special assistance in an emergency, call 911.

What about the lump of snow in my driveway?

The City plows more than 360 miles of road in Troy. If we had the means to clear the lump of snow that falls off the plow into the approximately 25,000 driveways, we would. It would take weeks to clear the roads instead of days. There just aren't enough hours, staff time, money and equipment to do it. We need residents to clear the lump of snow off their driveways after we plow.

Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving:

November 27 - City Hall, Community Center, Library, Museum, Nature Center closed

November 28 - City Hall and Library closed, Parks & Recreation Administration closed (Fitness Room & Gym open 5:30 am-6 pm, Lap & Therapy Pool open 6-11 am, Indoor Pool open 11 am-5 pm)

Refuse Collection Delayed one day from Thursday, November 27 to Friday, November 28.

Christmas:

December 24 - City Hall, Library, Museum, Nature Center closed; Parks & Recreation Administration closed (Fitness Room & Gym open 8 am-2 pm, Lap & Therapy Pool open 8-10 am, Indoor Pool open 10 am-1:30 pm)

December 25 - City Hall, Community Center, Library, Museum, Nature Center closed

December 26 - Museum closed

December 27 - Museum closed

Refuse Collection Delayed one day from Thursday, December 25 to Friday, December 26.

New Year's:

December 31 - City Hall, Library, Museum, Nature Center closed; Parks & Recreation Administration closed (Fitness Room & Gym open 5:30 am-6 pm, Lap & Therapy Pool open 6-11 am, Indoor Pool open 11 am-5 pm)

January 1 - City Hall, Community Center, Library, Museum, Nature Center closed

Refuse Collection Delayed one day from Thursday, January 1 to Friday, January 2.



December tax bills on the way

The December tax bills are mailed the end of November. Payment due date is February 14, 2009. If you are responsible to pay this tax and do not receive your bill by the second week of December, call the Treasurer's Office at 248.524.3333. Deferred summer tax bills are also due February 14, 2009.

December tax bill payments received through Tuesday, February 17, in the drop boxes or at the Treasurer's Office will be considered on time. Payments must be postmarked by February 17, 2009 to avoid penalty.

If you recently refinanced or paid off your mortgage and are unsure of who is responsible for the payment, please contact your mortgage company.

Office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 am-4:30 pm.

Drop Box: There are two outdoor drop boxes. The drive-up drop box is located across from the west entrance of City Hall and the other is in front of the east entrance to City Hall.

Website: Tax bill information is available on the City's website, www.troymi.gov.

Pay taxes: Choose from four payment options

Charging your taxes:

Credit cards may be used online or by phone. *They may not be used at City Hall or by mail.* Credit cards may only be used for paying City tax bills, not water or other fees. A service charge is applied to charge payments.

If you have questions about your property tax bill, call the Treasurer's Office at 248.524.3333.

Property tax payment options:

1. **Online** payment with Credit Card (service charge applies). The website is www.officialpayments.com.

2. **Phone** payment with Credit Card (service charge applies). Call Official Payments at 800.272.9829. Use the Jurisdiction Code: 3255 when prompted.

3. **Mail** with a check (no service charge).

4. **In person** with a check or cash at City Hall, Treasurer's Office. If you come to City Hall after regular business hours, there are drive-up drop boxes at the east and the west entrances to City Hall.

Troy achieves top ranking in entrepreneurial index for second year

Troy received top rankings for attracting and retaining entrepreneurial companies for the second straight year in a new University of Michigan-Dearborn study. The university's second Entrepreneurial Cities Index report, "eCities 2008," named Troy as one of six standouts out of 36 cities and townships in eight counties. There is a mix of small towns and bigger cities in this report, and in each case the winners ended up picking the right set of economic development priorities that work within each community's own culture.

Troy demonstrated active communication with its business community and provided onsite government assistance with private construction efforts. This past year we saw automotive supplier Faurecia USA Holdings Inc. expand their technical center in Troy.



Where does your tax dollar go?

Please take a look at your property tax statement and see just where the money actually goes. The dollar bill shown above indicates that the City of Troy receives about 26.6 cents from every tax dollar and the Troy School District gets about the same. Oakland County receives 13 cents, State Education 17 cents, the Intermediate School District 10 cents, Oakland County Community College gets a nickel, and the S.M.A.R.T Transit District gets 2 cents.

When anyone invests money in any enterprise, they expect to receive a valid rate of return. So, when you invest 27 cents from each of your tax dollars, what do you get as a rate of return? The biggest return is that you live in the safest city in Michigan. You support a top-rated Fire Department, the second highest rated library in the state, and some of the finest parks anywhere.

Fire Department receives national recognition

The Troy Fire Department has won national recognition for its fire prevention and education efforts aimed at reducing fatalities in residential fires. The department earned a 2007 Life Safety Achievement Award from the Residential Fire Safety Institute. Troy was one of only 25 fire departments in Michigan and 725 nationally that won the Life Safety Award. One criterion for winning the award is that departments report no fatalities in fires they fight for the year. Fire prevention and education significantly reduce life and property loss from fires. Prevention and education are very cost effective compared to the traditional approach of relying on fire suppression. The Troy Fire Department also has a 3 rating from the national Insurance Services Office (ISO), which provides data and risk management services to insurers. It also assigns fire departments nationwide a rank from a high of 1 to a low of 10. Only 3.4 percent of the fire departments the ISO ranks have a rating of 3 or better.

City Purchasing Department earns award

The City of Troy's Purchasing Department has earned the 13th Annual Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award for 2008. The Department has received the award for six consecutive years, one of only four government agencies in our state to receive the national award.

The Achievement of Excellence in Procurement award is designed to recognize organizational excellence in procurement. The award is achieved by those organizations that demonstrate excellence in procurement by obtaining a high score on a rating of standardized criteria. The program is designed to measure innovation, professionalism, e-procurement, productivity, and leadership attributes of the procurement function.

Holiday Events

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Tuesday, December 2, 7 pm
Veterans Memorial Plaza, City Hall

Children are invited to visit with Santa Claus after he lights our Christmas tree. The Athens High School Choirs, directed by Dan Stevens, will lead the caroling. Please sing along! Hot cocoa provided by McDonald's on Livernois. Holiday sweets provided by the Ridgedale Players. The event will be cablecast on WTRY (cable 10/53) throughout December.

Santa's Village

Saturday, December 6, 1-4 pm
Troy Museum, 60 W. Wattles

The elves are hard at work decorating the Troy Museum for the holidays. Tour the decorated historic buildings and enjoy sweet holiday refreshments, crafts, and carolers. Plus see Santa arrive in a horse-drawn sleigh at 2 pm!

Santa will be meeting boys and girls to listen to their wish lists, so remember to bring your camera! Park at Zion Christian Church and ride the free "Polar Express" shuttle over to the Museum grounds. Admission is free.

Best Holiday Decorated Homes



'Twas the night before Christmas, and you forgot to nominate your neighbor for the Best Holiday Decorated Home Awards! Don't let this happen to you; remember to get your nominations in by **Monday, December 1**. Entries are accepted via mail, fax, phone, or e-mail. Submit the address of the well-decorated home, plus the homeowner's name and phone number if you know it.

Nominations go to:

Community Affairs
500 W. Big Beaver
Troy MI 48084

Phone: 248.524.1147
Fax: 248.524.3499
e-mail: cindy.stewart@troymi.gov

"Adopt a Family" with Troy People Concerned

Troy People Concerned helps Troy citizens who find themselves in crisis situations. They receive more requests for help during the holidays than any other time of year.

If you would like to donate, you can make up a holiday food basket, adopt a family so they have holiday gifts, or donate a local grocery store gift certificate. Call 248.528.9199 to find out other ways you can help out.

www.tpchelps.org

Holiday Concerts

Troy Community Chorus
"Joyful and Triumphant" Holiday Concert
Friday, December 5, 8 pm

Athens High School, 4333 John R

Advanced Tickets: \$9 Adults, \$6 Seniors 60+ and Children under 12, no refunds

Tickets at the door: \$12

Call 248.879.0138 or 248.528.2669 to order tickets

Harmonize the Holidays

Monday, December 15, 10:30 am

Troy Community Center

Get into the holiday spirit with Troy's senior citizen harmonica group, the Mouth Organ Grinders, as they present holiday songs for your enjoyment. Free, all are invited to attend.

Golden Choraliers Concert

Friday, December 19, 10:30 am

Troy Community Center

Come one and all to a free holiday musical celebration at the Troy Community Center brought to you by the Golden Choraliers, Troy's own senior chorus. Rekindle the holiday spirit as you enjoy favorite music of the season.

Craft Shows

43rd Annual Hand & Eye Craft Show

Presented by the Troy Historical Society
Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway

Saturday, November 15, 9 am-4 pm

Small admission, no strollers

37th Annual Elf Shelf Arts & Crafts Show

Presented by the Troy Women's Association
Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway

Saturday, November 29, 9 am-4 pm

Small admission, no strollers

"Decorate" the Winter Warmer Trees

The Troy Women's Association has placed *Winter Warmer Trees* at five locations in Troy. Everyone is invited to **donate new mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats** to hang on the tree.

The trees will be on display from November 17-December 22 at the following locations:

Troy City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver

Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver

Oakland Towers I and II, 920 & 930 John R

My Craft Room, 6020 Rochester Rd. (at Square Lake)

These winter warmer donations will be distributed to local organizations supporting needy children and families. Thanks for sharing in the spirit of giving this holiday season.

Holiday Shopping Guide

Now presenting: Troy gifts

Do you have one of those “tough-to-shop-for” people on your holiday list? Check out these unique options that celebrate life in Troy. You just might find the perfect gift for the “person who has everything.” These items are available at the Community Affairs Office in City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver, 248.524.1147.

City of Troy Ornaments: \$3

Troy: A City from the Corners Historical Book: \$21

City of Troy T-Shirts, Embroidered, Men/Ladies: \$10/\$12XXL

City of Troy T-Shirts, Embroidered, Children's Sizes: \$6

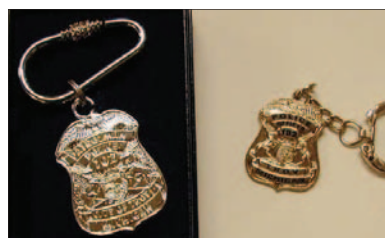
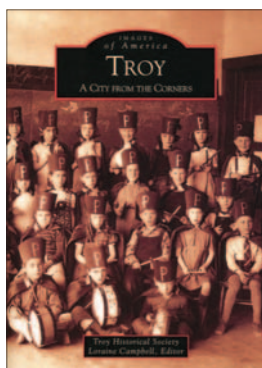
City of Troy Insulated Tumblers: \$6

City of Troy “City Scenes” 16 Notecards: \$5

Troy Police Badge Keychains

Large, boxed: \$15 Small: \$10

Cops in the Kitchen Cookbook: \$10



City facilities are home to unique gift shops

The Friends of the Troy Public Library Gift Shop (located in the lobby) and the **Book Store** (located in the basement) raise funds to financially support Library activities to ensure that programs are both plentiful and free to patrons. Call 248.524.3538 for hours of operation.

Creative Endeavors is a shop in the Community Center that displays handmade crafts made by Troy's senior citizens. They are open Monday-Saturday from 10 am-2 pm, plus Tuesday and Thursday from 5-9 pm. Call 248.526.5145 for more shopping and consignment information.



Cattail Cove at the Nature Center offers holiday decor, paper products, bath items, clothing, games, artwork, and more. They offer free gift wrapping on purchases over \$25. Call 248.524.3567 for details. Open during regular hours and special events.

Nature Center Hours:

Tuesday-Saturday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Sunday: 12-5 pm, Closed Mondays

Have an old-fashioned Christmas with gifts from the Troy Museum. Find unique stocking stuffers with a visit to the **Troy Museum Gift Shop**. Available for purchase are old-fashioned toys, Victorian cards, handmade finger puppets, candy, puzzles, and dress up items like bonnets and straw hats. For more information, call 248.524.3570. All proceeds benefit Museum programs.

Museum Hours:

Monday-Saturday, 9 am-4:30 pm, Closed Sundays



Add a few extra items to your holiday shopping list and bring new, unwrapped toys to the Holiday Tree Lighting at City Hall on December 2 or Santa's Village at the Museum on December 6.

Collections for the Marines Toys for Tots program will be taken at these events and also accepted at the Troy Museum from **November 28 to December 12**. The Museum is open Monday-Saturday from 9 am-4:30 pm.

“A toy donation is not required to visit Santa's Village,” Museum Manager Loraine Campbell said. “But how wonderful it would be if we could all share in the spirit of giving and bring a Merry Christmas to children who really need one by donating to Toys for Tots.”

Seco Tools

Seco Tools has built a new facility in Troy's Automation Alley Technology Park. The building serves as their new headquarters, a move from their facility in Warren. Representatives from more than 50 countries attended the grand opening. Seco (based in Sweden) is a world leader in metalworking technologies with 2007 revenues over \$1 billion.

Remaining in Michigan shows Seco's commitment to the state and illustrates their belief that our manufacturing base is second to none. Seco has had a presence in the Detroit area since 1925 and will have 120 employees at the new facility.



Faurecia Automotive Seating

Faurecia, a company based in France, has made a \$1.15 million investment in new equipment to expand operations in Troy. They currently occupy five buildings on Meijer Dr. The Michigan Economic Growth Authority recently awarded Faurecia a seven-year, \$2.7 million tax credit. They will be adding 47 new jobs.

Tepel Brothers Printing

Tepel Brothers has purchased a parcel of remnant land on John R to expand their operations with \$5.1 million in printing technology. Their investment in new equipment includes machinery that no other printer in the state has. They will be one of the only companies to use a state of the art process to print on plastic. They plan to add 18 new jobs.

ProMetal RCT

ProMetal recently invested \$3.8 million in new equipment that features technology from MIT. The new technology creates complex sandcasting cores and molds direct from CAD data, eliminating the thousands-year-old requirement of a physical pattern to create a core or a mold. The molds will be used for laser printing machines. The company will also be adding 20 new jobs.



Darbonne Portraits

There's a new photo studio at 1651 W. Big Beaver. Darbonne Portraits offers the latest technology and a wide range of creativity. They specialize in a casual approach to framed children's photography. By using a faster shutter speed and interacting with the children rather than making them stand still, the photographers are able to capture a child's personality, not just a pose. Call 248.822.7171 for details.

www.darbonneportraits.com

Kelly Services

Kelly Services signed a five-year lease to occupy 30,000 sq. ft. at 2800 Livernois. This expansion and consolidation plan will generate more than 500 new jobs within the next seven years across four business service areas: Kelly Connect; Kelly Scientific Resources; Kelly Educational Staffing; and Central Operations and Businesses.

www.kellyservices.com



Echo Global Logistics

Echo Global Logistics recently received approval for state tax credits to open a Michigan operation in Troy. A Chicago-based IT company, Echo Global Logistics specializes in web-based logistics management for its clients looking to outsource their transportation needs. The company is experiencing rapid growth and plans to invest \$4.2 million in capital investment and create 950 direct jobs over the next 10 years. Troy competed with many out-of-state communities to secure this company's investment.

www.echo.com

Peiker Acustics

Peiker Acustics Inc. recently moved into a 5,500 sq. ft. leased facility on Brinston in Troy. Based in Germany, this family-owned company originally started in the microphone business and has expanded its acoustic product lines to reach the automotive market. The Troy office handles the company's engineering and product development of two mobile communication systems: Ford's Sync program and Chrysler's upcoming UConnect communication program. Currently, Peiker Acustics Inc. has eight employees operating in Troy.



Hybrid Design Services

Troy welcomed another high-tech, small business to its automotive R&D community with the addition of Hybrid Design Services. Located at 2479 Elliott, Hybrid Design Services is an engineering and design firm specializing in alternative energy technologies including fuel cells, hybrids, and electric vehicles. Hybrid Design Services caters to suppliers of these alternative energy technologies and assists with the integration of these systems to the workings of automobiles, heavy trucks and buses. Started by engineers of Ford's Escape Hybrid project, the company is growing steadily with 12 employees and many projects in the pipeline that will require them to hire up to eight additional employees next year.

www.hybriddesignservices.com

New restaurants bring many menu options to Troy

Kalamata Greek Cafe

Kalamata Greek Cafe is a new fast-casual restaurant in Troy. The owners, brothers Tom and Dennis Chinonis, spent more than a year streamlining their family's traditional, time-consuming Greek recipes so that customers could be quickly served made-to-order fresh food.

They named the restaurant after both the Kalamata olive, a cornerstone of Greek cuisine, and after the town of Kalamata, Greece where their father's family harvested olives while he was growing up. Dishes include spinach pie, pastitsio, chicken lemon rice soup, flaming saganaki, salads, and sandwiches.



3149 Crooks (N. of Big Beaver)
Sun.-Wed.: 11 am-9 pm
Thurs.-Sat.: 11 am-10 pm
248.643.2600
www.kalamatagreek.com

Zoup! Fresh Soup Company

Zoup! has opened a third Troy location, joining the Peacock Cafes in the Somerset Collection. They serve 12 kinds of fresh made soup everyday, plus salads, sandwiches, and desserts. The two additional locations are on Rochester Rd. and Maple Rd.

248.816.3132
www.zoup.com

La Marsa

La Marsa is the fourth restaurant in this local chain serving Mediterranean food. The name La Marsa is for a coastal town in Tunisia and the restaurant is decorated with the "colors of shifting sands." They serve lamb chops, hommous, kabobs, tabbouli, moussaka, and more.

Sun.-Thurs.: 10 am-10 pm
Fri.-Sat.: 10 am-11 pm
3720 Rochester Road
248.524.0300
www.lamarsacuisine.com

Wellington Pub

Wellington Pub, in business for 25 years, opened a Troy location. They have a full menu that includes burgers and fish and chips. Happy hour is daily from 3-7 pm. The pub has 17 televisions, pool tables, and a DJ nightly at 9 pm with karaoke.

1129 East Long Lake (at Rochester)
Mon.-Sat.: 11 am-2 am, Sun.: 12 pm-2 am
248.740.9062
www.thewellingtonpub.com

Loccino Italian Grill and Bar



Loccino is a new Troy restaurant in the former site of The Palm. Brothers Frank and Tony Shushtari own the local Alfoccino restaurant chain and Loccino is the first restaurant of their new

concept. The remodel features new flooring, colors, a spacious bar, and an outdoor patio. Loccino will be "family casual" with cooked-to-order food and fresh-made sauces. Look for a wide selection of fresh seafood, steak, chicken and veal, traditional as well as "very unique" pasta dishes, numerous salads and much more.

They will offer complimentary valet parking.

5600 Crooks
248.813.0700

Coffee with Cream

This new coffee shop/ice cream parlor offers a wide variety of coffees, Hershey's ice cream, and delicious pastry items.

4977 Livernois (at Long Lake)
248.524.9292

Passport Pizza 'n' Ribs

Passport serves pizza, ribs, wings, pasta, salads, and sandwiches. Plus they offer a "Heart Smart Menu." They have about 30 locations around Metro Detroit and a large catering business.

3520 Rochester Road
248.526.0000
www.passportcatering.com

New EDS Credit Union branch

EDS Credit Union opened a new location in September at 5381 Crooks Road in the Northfield Point Marketplace.

All EDS employees and family members are eligible to enjoy membership benefits as well as persons who live, work, worship, or attend school within a ten-mile radius of the credit union.

Chartered in April 1974, EDS Credit Union has locations throughout the United States with the corporate headquarters in Plano, Texas. Their assets total more than \$575 million and serve more than 48,000 members worldwide. Other Michigan branches are located in the Renaissance Center, Auburn Hills, and Pontiac. Call 248.312.4646 for details.

www.edscu.org

1-800-Mini-Storage

1-800-Mini-Storage is excited to announce the opening of its new, state-of-the-art facility in Troy at 2477 Maple Rd. between Crooks and Coolidge, at the site of the old Auburn Metalcraft building. This new facility offers sophisticated storage amenities to its clients. 1-800-Mini-Storage is unique in the industry, providing features such as 100% climate control, indoor heated drive through, 24-hour security, wireless internet, free move-in truck use, mailbox rental and package acceptance, and RV/Boat/Commercial Vehicle storage, and more while keeping prices competitive.

www.800ministorage.com

Elements Therapeutic Massage

Carol Glowczewski, a local entrepreneur, has opened Troy's first Elements Therapeutic Massage business in Caswell Town Center at 6846 Rochester (directly across from Nino Salvaggio's). With Glowczewski's holistic approach to wellness, she is proud to offer a facet of wellness in a most luxurious setting that is both affordable and convenient. Elements' certified massage therapists provide customized massage services and specialize in Swedish Massage, Deep Tissue and Trigger Point Massage, Sports Massage, Prenatal Massage, and Hot Stone Massage with energy balancing and healing. Call 248.828.0088 for an appointment.

www.touchofelements.com

Passport application services available at City Hall



The Troy City Clerk's office serves as an official Passport Acceptance Agency and accepts applications from U.S. Citizens from 8 am-4 pm, Monday-Friday. Photo services are also available for a \$10 fee.

Applications for Passport Cards for land and sea crossings between the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean are now available. Further information regarding Passport Cards, the passport initiative requirement and passport processing times can be obtained on the City website at www.troymi.gov or by contacting the City Clerk's office at 248.524.3316.

Required Documents

Adults 18 & Older	Minors 16 & 17	Minors 14 & 15	Minors 13 & Younger
Passport Valid for 10 yrs.	Passport Valid for 10 yrs.	Passport Valid for 5 yrs.	Passport Valid for 5 yrs.
Proof of Citizenship	Proof of Citizenship	Proof of Citizenship	Proof of Citizenship
Certified birth certificate required unless <i>previous</i> passport is submitted	Certified birth certificate required unless <i>previous</i> passport is submitted	Certified birth certificate required and <i>previous</i> passport (if applicable)	Certified birth certificate required and <i>previous</i> passport (if applicable)
Proof of Identity	Proof of Identity	Proof of Identity	Proof of Identity
Applicant MUST be present	Applicant & ONE parent MUST be present	Applicant & BOTH parents MUST be present or ONE parent with notarized form	Applicant & BOTH parents MUST be present or ONE parent with notarized form

Note: Birth certificates executed by the Troy Clerk's office **CANNOT** be accepted.

Passport Fees

Important: Applicant MUST provide TWO separate forms of payment; one to the City of Troy and one to the U.S. Dept. of State

Adults 18 & Older and Minors 16 & 17		Minors 15 & Younger	
City of Troy: \$25	US Dept. of State: \$75	City of Troy: \$25	US Dept. of State: \$60
Photo: \$10		Photo: \$10	
Cash, check, money order or debit card accepted.	Check, money order or cashier's check accepted.	Cash, check, money order or debit card accepted.	Check, money order or cashier's check accepted.
Payable to City of Troy: \$25 or \$35	Payable to U.S. Dept. of State: \$75	Payable to City of Troy: \$25 or \$35	Payable to U.S. Dept. of State: \$60
Additional Fees & Postage for EXPEDITED Services			
Postage Fee: \$16.50	Add'l Fee & Postage Fee: \$60+\$14.85	Postage Fee: \$16.50	Add'l Fee & Postage Fee: \$60+\$14.85
Payable to City of Troy: \$41.50 or \$51.50	Payable to U.S. Dept. of State: \$149.85	Payable to City of Troy: \$41.50 or \$51.50	Payable to U.S. Dept. of State: \$134.85

Passports for border crossings: Beat the crowd, apply today

Effective in June 2009, U.S. Citizens must present a valid U.S. Passport Book, U.S. Passport Card, or other travel document approved by the Department of Homeland Security when entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda at land border crossings or sea ports-of-entry.

First-time Applicants 16 years & older:

Execution Fee: \$25 – Payable to: City of Troy

Passport Card Fee: \$20 – Payable to: U.S.

Dept. of State

Renewal Applicants 16 years & older:

Execution Fee: N/A

Passport Card Fee: \$20 – Payable to: U.S.

Dept. of State

Applicants 15 years & younger:

Execution Fee: \$25 – Payable to: City of Troy

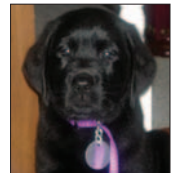
Passport Card Fee: \$10 – Payable to: U.S.

Dept. of State

Photo Fee: \$10 for two required 2x2 photos

Dog licenses

Be a good neighbor and keep your dog safe by following these City ordinances.



Batman

- Leash your dog in all public areas including all City parks, school grounds, sidewalks, etc. A dog's leash must be three times the length of the dog or 10 feet in length, whichever is greater.
- Remember to clean up after your dog in public areas.
- Be courteous and quiet your barking dog.
- Know where your dog is at all times. Animal Control Officers will pick up unleashed and unattended dogs.
- Dogs may be tethered during daylight hours for a period not to exceed four continuous hours.
- City of Troy dog licenses expire with the dog's rabies vaccination expiration. Provide proof of rabies immunization with every license renewal and when registering a new dog at six months of age or older. License fees are half off for neutered and spayed dogs.

Dog License applications are available online at www.troymi.gov.



Troy Citizens Academy is accepting applications now: Go behind the scenes to find out what it takes to run your City

Citizens Academy is accepting applications for Class XIII (Spring 2009). Get an inside look at the City of Troy operations. The nine sessions are held once a week, and cover the inner workings of City Departments. It includes Police, Fire, Planning, Information Technology, and much more. Graduates walk away with detailed knowledge of how and where their tax dollars are spent.

The class will get behind-the-scenes tours of facilities like the Public Works garage, Police Department, Museum, Fire Station, and Nature Center.

If you have any questions, please call Cindy Stewart at 248.524.1147.

Schedule of Classes

Applicants must be able to attend all scheduled classes.

- Thursday, January 29, 5:30-9 pm
- Thursday, February 5, 5:30-9 pm
- Thursday, February 12, 5:30-9 pm
- Thursday, February 19, 5:30-9 pm
- Thursday, February 26, 5:30-9 pm
- Thursday, March 5, 5:30-9 pm
- Thursday, March 12, 5:30-9 pm
- Thursday, March 19, 5:30-9 pm
- Thursday, April 2, 5:30-9 pm
- Monday, April 6, 6:30-8 pm (graduation)

CITIZENS ACADEMY APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Employment: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Phone: _____

I am a resident of the City of Troy ___ Yes ___ No

How long have you been a Troy resident? _____

1. State why you are interested in participating in the Troy Citizens Academy.

2. Have you had any prior experience in City government, such as serving on a Board or Committee?

Yes___ No___ If yes, describe:

3. Can you attend classes on Thursdays, 5:30-9 pm, Jan. 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, & 26, March 5, 12, & 19, and April 2 and the City Council Meeting on April 6? Yes___ No___

4. Please describe your present and past community involvement; ie. voluntary, social, business, professional and the scope of your responsibilities.

5. What are your expectations from this program?

Class size is limited. Applicants must commit to all sessions.

Mail form to:

C. Stewart, Community Affairs Dept., 500 W. Big Beaver, Troy MI 48084 or Fax to 248.524.3499

City Council Meetings



Upcoming Council Meetings

Mondays at 7:30 pm

December 1, 15

January 5, 26

February 2, 16

March 2, 16

Regular meetings take place in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 500 W. Big Beaver and are open to the public.

City Council meets at least two Mondays per month at 7:30 pm and schedules additional study sessions as necessary. Meeting times and locations may be confirmed through the City Clerk's Office by calling 248.524.3316.

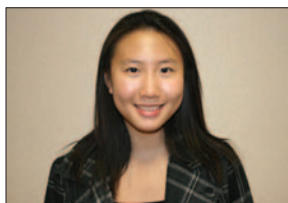
Online: The meeting schedule, agendas, minutes, and webcasts are available on the City's website: www.troymi.gov. Agendas are posted by the Thursday evening before the Monday meeting or as soon thereafter as possible.

At the Library: DVDs and VHS tapes of Council meetings are available for checkout at the Troy Library the day following each meeting.



**Watch Council Meetings
LIVE on WTRY - Troy Cable TV
Channel 10 on WOW
Channel 53 on Comcast
Council Meetings replayed:
Wednesdays @ 10 am
Thursdays @ 7 pm
Sat & Sundays @ 4 & 10 pm**

Student Representatives on City Boards



Aries Tao
Troy High
Ethnic Issues Advisory Board



Emily Wang
Troy High
Historic District Commission

Board & Committee Meetings

Watch meetings on WTRY cable, channel 10 on WOW and channel 53 on Comcast. Meetings below are not aired live.

- Planning Commission, Wed. - 6 & 11 pm
- Planning Study Session, Wed. - 3 pm
- Board of Zoning Appeals, Fri. - 5 pm
- Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens, Mon. - 9 am
- Downtown Development Authority, Tues. - 6 & 11 pm

Webcasts of City Council Meetings are archived on the City website, www.troymi.gov/council/meetings to be watched at your convenience.

DVDs of Council Meetings are available for \$15 and all other meetings for \$25 by calling 248.524.1147 to order.

The new City of Troy Master Plan has been officially adopted

Fueled by necessity and inspired by a changing population, economy and region, the City of Troy determined that the development of a new Troy Master Plan was critical to help the community cope with the realities of the 21st century in Michigan. The new City of Troy Master Plan was recently adopted by the Planning Commission after more than two years of development, which included consideration of recommendations made from various studies, the City Council, and Troy residents.

The Master Plan is the official policy guide for the resolution of community development issues, and is relied upon to illustrate the desires of the City with regard to future growth and development. The previous Master Plan was originally adopted in 1965 and had since been revised numerous times. On May 24, 2005, the Planning Commission made a finding that the Future Land Use Plan portion of the previous Master Plan was deficient and in need of a comprehensive update.

On August 14, 2006, the City Council, in agreement with the findings of the Planning Commission, initiated the process of preparing a new, original Master Plan designed around the modern City of Troy. The Master Plan took into consideration

recommendations from a variety of sources, including the previous Master Plan, the Big Beaver Corridor Study, the Troy Futures Vision 2020 document, the findings from the Smart Growth Readiness Assessment Tool, the goals of the City Council, and more.

The completed Master Plan will serve many functions, including acting as a general statement of the City's goals and policies, as an aid in daily decision-making, as a coordinating effort for public improvements and private development, as an educational tool that gives citizens, property owners, developers, and adjacent communities a clear indication of the City's direction, as a statutory foundation upon which zoning decisions are based, and much more.

A copy of the Master Plan may be viewed on the City of Troy website at: www.troymi.gov/Planning/MasterPlanProcess or at the City of Troy Planning Department, 500 W. Big Beaver, and the Troy Public Library, 510 W. Big Beaver. Questions should be directed to the Planning Department of the City of Troy at 248.524.3364 or by e-mail to planning@troymi.gov.

Curbside recyclables

1. All paper is recyclable. Place all fiber items - including **newspapers, inserts, office paper, catalogs, envelopes, junk mail, magazines, paperbacks, brown grocery bags, paperboard (such as cereal, shoe, and tissue boxes or paper towel cores), etc.** - inside brown paper grocery bags (preferred) or plastic grocery bags
2. Put **shredded paper** in a small clear bag and twist tie it closed
3. **Cardboard boxes, corrugated cardboard, and boxboard:** fold, flatten, or cut into bundles 2' x 2' x 1' and tie with string or use duct tape
4. **NEW! Paperboard beverage containers** (example: clean orange juice or milk cartons, ice cream cartons, and clean drink boxes)
5. Recycle **telephone books**
6. **NEW! Clean green and blue glass bottles** are accepted in addition to **clear and brown glass** bottles. Lids can remain on glass bottles
7. All clean **plastic containers** are acceptable, no need to check for the number on the bottom. Please remove hard plastic caps (i.e. soda caps). Plastic lids, such as yogurt or margarine lids, are acceptable. Plastic includes margarine tubs, yogurt containers, milk jugs, water bottles, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, plastic tubs, trays, buckets, microwave dishes, plastic flower flats, etc.
8. **Metal cans/metal lids/pie tins/small metal objects:** clean, place loose metal lids inside metal cans and flatten. Metal objects include hangers, pots, other small household items
9. Empty **metal aerosol cans (cleansers, hairspray, etc.)** and **metal paint cans** with the lids removed
10. Place any **household batteries** in a clear plastic baggie



Live in an apartment? You can still recycle

While it does require extra effort, those who live in apartments can use one of Troy's two recycling centers. Make it a regular errand once or twice a month. When you set aside cardboard, newspapers, plastic or glass and keep them out of landfills, you help reduce the negative impact our society has on our environment.

Tringali Recycling Drop-off Center

33373 Dequindre - north of 14 Mile Road
248.585.9120

Open: Mon-Fri, 7 am-5 pm

Accepts plastics, newspapers, cardboard, tin, and small metal objects.

SOCRRA Recycling Drop-off Center

995 Coolidge Hwy., north of 14 Mile Road
248.280.0828

Open: Mon-Fri 8 am-4 pm; Sat 8 am-12 pm
Materials accepted at the SOCRRA dropoff center - All curbside collected items (listed in the left column) PLUS:

- **Plastic bags, only at SOCRRA** - any size, any color, clean and empty with no twine or hard plastic handles. Example: shopping bags, grocery and produce bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags, etc.
- Automotive and lead acid batteries
- Scrap metal
- Clean used clothing, shoes, and toys
- CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and cassettes
- Hardcover books

Recycling electronics

Electronics recycling: Call SOCRRA at 248.288.5153 to schedule a drop-off appointment for electronics and household hazardous waste.

Program accepts computers, monitors, printers, toner cartridges, TV sets, telephones, radios, cell phones, copy machines, fax machines, stereos, VCRs, and CD players. No charge for Troy residents.

Holiday delays

Thanksgiving: Refuse Collection Delayed one day from Thurs., Nov. 27 to Fri., Nov. 28.

Christmas: Refuse Collection Delayed one day from Thurs., Dec. 25 to Fri., Dec. 26.

New Year's: Refuse Collection Delayed one day from Thurs., Jan. 1 to Fri., Jan. 2.

Winter yard waste

In the absence of curbside yard waste collection during the winter, residents (no businesses, landscapers, etc.) of Troy can bring their bags of leaves, grass or brush bundles (up to 10 filled yard waste bags or bundles per day) to the SOCRRA Transfer Station, located at 991 Coolidge in Troy, from Dec. 19, 2008 to April 3, 2009 for composting, at no charge. Hours are M-F 8 am-4 pm and Sat 8 am-12 pm. Curbside collection of yard waste will begin again the week of April 6.

This free service is available only during the dates listed above.

Simply drive into SOCRRA's facility and turn left toward the red brick building. Stop and see the Scale Operator for instructions. No plastic bags.



Troy: Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle!

We need Troy residents to recycle.

Avoiding disposal fees is one of the primary goals of any recycling program. The more materials are reduced, reused, and recycled, the less waste is disposed. The less waste disposed, the fewer trash pickups are required, and there are lower disposal fees. Any way to decrease waste handling costs will add to the success of the program.

Lowering costs for the City of Troy benefits all residents.

SOCRRA credits the City of Troy \$55 per ton for all recycled items picked up at the curb. So instead of paying full disposal costs, our disposal bill is reduced. The City of Troy had more than \$122,000 deducted from our bill of \$1 million to SOCRRA for 2007. Of this amount, more than \$99,000 was for all the types of paper accepted: newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, construction paper, envelopes, loose leaf paper, computer paper, office and school papers, etc.

If you need a recycling bin or further information please call 248.524.3399.

Our Solid Waste Coordinator is available for informational meetings or classes. Tell your homeowner's or volunteer organization to take advantage of this service.

The most efficient and cost effective way for residents of Troy to recycle is to use the curbside recycling program.

1. MDOT I-75 Bridge Project – Maple to Crooks

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will perform bridge rehabilitation work and safety improvements on bridge structures and connecting ramps along I-75, from Maple to Crooks in Troy and M-24 to M-15 north of Troy. Traffic will be maintained on two lanes in each direction on I-75 during the day with additional lane closures during nights and weekends. This work will require closures of some ramps to facilitate construction as well as some lane closures on major roads under I-75. Detour routes along major roads will be posted as necessary. Work on the Troy structures is anticipated to be complete and open to traffic in December 2008. The Big Beaver bridge will be repainted early in 2009 and may require intermittent lane closures on Big Beaver during this process.

2. Livernois (Main Street) Reconstruction, 14 Mile to Maple

This project is under the jurisdiction of the City of Clawson. Livernois has been reconstructed from just north of 14 Mile to Maple Road to a new five-lane concrete pavement. Included with the project were drainage improvements, traffic signal improvements, sidewalk and sidewalk ramp replacement, and water main replacement. The road is anticipated to be open to traffic by early November. Final project cleanup and restoration will take place this month which will require intermittent lane closures to facilitate cleanup and restoration activities.

3. Detention Pond Retrofit – Strawberry Hill & Manchester Woods

The existing detention basin in the Strawberry Hill and Manchester Woods subdivisions will be modified. The purpose of this work is to improve water quality in the Rouge River watershed by retrofitting the existing basins. Modifications will be made to the basins to slow the rate at which storm water leaves the basin to allow the uptake of excess nutrients and pollutants in the storm water runoff entering the basins. In addition, native plantings will be used to enhance the natural viability of the area. Construction is anticipated to take place during the winter of

2009. Plantings, restoration and project cleanup will take place in the spring of 2009.

4. NE ¼ of Section 9 Water Main Replacement & Drainage Improvements

The project will replace the existing water mains with new 8" and 12" water mains on: Houghten, Wright, Florence, Blanche, Habrand, McKinley, Deinmore and Fabius (west end). The work will also include drainage improvements on both sides of the road. Construction is anticipated to begin in November 2008 and last through the spring of 2009. Restoration will take place during the spring and summer of 2009.

5. SCADA Upgrade – Various Locations

SCADA is the acronym for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA). The SCADA system in Troy is used for managing our water and sewer systems. By upgrading the current SCADA system, the City will be able to collect real-time operations data on our water and sewer systems. The proposed system will allow control of the upgraded locations remotely using handheld or portable computer-based devices.

There are twenty-one existing facilities, four new facilities, six Detroit Water and Sewerage Department meter vaults and the central computer location at the Department of Public Works yard in the Troy system that will be affected by the upgrades. Upgrades will take place at existing pressure reducing vaults in the water system, pump stations in the sanitary sewer system and at the DPW yard. This project will replace the current obsolete hardware and meet the requirements of Homeland Security for securing water system data as set forth by the National Infrastructure Protection Plan of 2006. Work is anticipated to begin during the winter of 2009 and be complete by the summer of 2009.

**NOTE: All dates or time frames are based on the best information available at the time of writing and are subject to change based on field conditions, actual weather conditions and/or funding issues.*

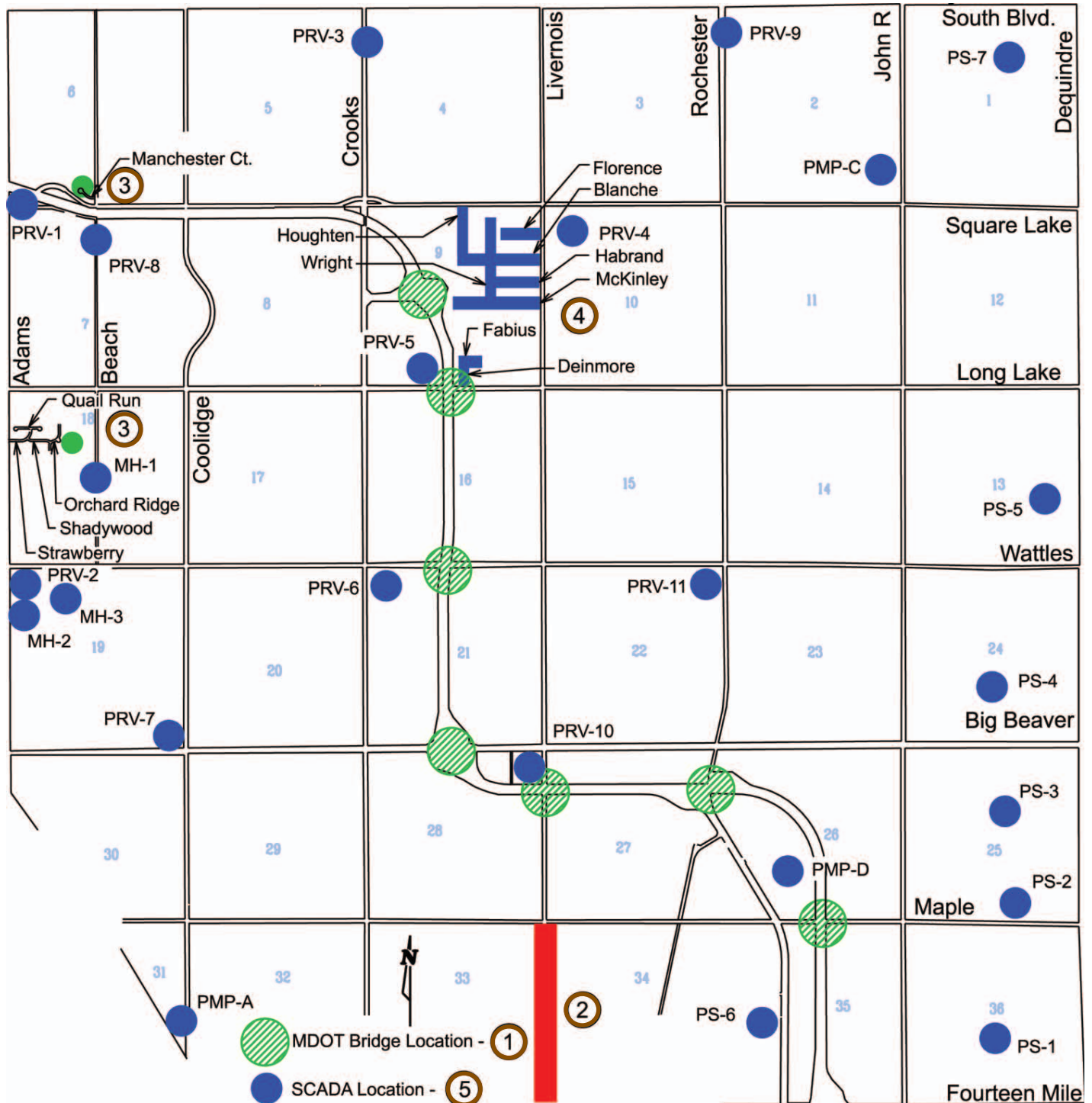
Details on displaying temporary signs

The Troy Sign Ordinance allows all types of temporary signs on private property. These include signs for homes for sale or rent, land for sale, garage sales, estate sales, buildings under construction, political, holiday, and other seasonal signs.

1. *Size of Temporary Signs:* The maximum size of an individual temporary sign must not exceed 6 sq. ft. in area (measured on one side). The total aggregate area of all temporary signs on any one site must not exceed 14 sq. ft. Temporary signs must not be higher than 42 inches above the ground.
2. *The signs must be placed on private property, with the property owner's permission.*
3. *Placement is never allowed in the public street right-of-way (City property). In most cases this means that the signs must be located*

behind the sidewalk. In areas where there is no sidewalk, signs cannot be located closer than 20 feet from the edge of the traveled portion of the roadway.

4. *Signs can never be attached to a streetlight, street sign, fire hydrant or telephone pole.*
5. *Signs that are placed in the public right-of-way (City property) will be removed by the City, and stored for a 48-hour period. If you wish to retrieve a sign that has been removed, you must first pay the \$50 administrative fee for each sign. Signs not retrieved within 48 hours will be destroyed.*
6. *The entire text of the Troy Sign Ordinance can be obtained at www.troymi.gov/CodeAndCharter/Code/CH085.pdf. Call the Building Department at 248.524.3344 with questions.*



The Troy Fire Department wants to keep you safe and warm this winter

As the temperature outside drops, families take to the indoors to keep safe and warm. What they may not realize is that turning up the heat can increase the risk of home heating fires.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), nearly half of all home-heating fires occur during the winter months. The latest NFPA research shows that heating equipment was involved in 62,200 reported U.S. home structure fires in 2005, with associated losses of 670 civilian deaths, 1,550 civilian injuries, and \$909 million in direct property damage.

While these numbers are startling, nearly all of these fires are preventable. The number of home heating fires can be reduced by taking some simple precautions and using heating equipment properly.

The high cost of home heating fuels and rising utility costs have caused many homeowners to seek alternative forms of home heating. The use of wood-burning stoves, fireplaces, and space heaters is growing. While each of these methods is acceptable for home heating, they can be dangerous if not performed properly.

NFPA and the Troy Fire Prevention Division recommend some simple home heating safety tips, so residents can help keep our community safe and warm this winter.

General Safety Measures

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Test smoke alarms at least once a month. Replace batteries twice each year – in the spring and fall when clocks are adjusted for the time change.
- Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.
- Never use an oven to heat your home.

Furnace Heating

- Be sure all furnace controls/shut-offs are in proper working order.
- Clean or change filters regularly.
- Inspect pipes and ductwork for holes or cracks.
- Inspect the chimney/flue opening for cracks or gaps.
- Keep combustibles a minimum of 3 ft. away from the furnace.

Wood-Burning Stoves & Fireplaces

- Wood stoves should be UL listed and installed with adequate clearance from combustibles.
- Inspect the chimney/flue regularly for obstructions.
- Have the chimney inspected/cleaned by a professional.
- Burn only dry, seasoned fire wood.
- Open the damper before lighting a fire.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Never use excessive amounts of paper or wood to build “roaring” fires. Excessive heat can ignite creosote buildup in the chimney and potentially ignite the house.
- Keep glass doors or metal screening in place in front of fireplaces to prevent embers from coming out.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Do not place ashes in paper bags, cardboard boxes or plastic bins. Let hot ashes cool before placing into a metal container. Store containers outside, away from the house.

**Space Heaters**

- Always use space heaters in a well ventilated area to allow air to circulate around the appliance. Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 ft. away from heating equipment.
- Only use UL listed space heaters with an automatic shut-off feature if the heater tips over.
- Keep young children and pets away from space heaters.
- Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
- Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.
- Inspect for cracked, frayed or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.

Always heed the warnings, Carbon Monoxide (CO) is the silent killer

The winter months are here. According to the National Fire Protection Association there is increased risk of dying in a home fire during the winter. December, January and February are generally the deadliest months for fire. Additionally, hundreds of people die each year from unintentional Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Fire departments responded to an estimated 61,000 CO incidents in 2005, a 9% increase from 2004. (This excludes incidents where a fire was present.) Close to 90% of CO incidents occur in the home.

Often called a silent killer, CO is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels, such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil and methane, burn incompletely.

CO enters the body through breathing. CO poisoning can be confused with flu symptoms, food poisoning and other illnesses. Some symptoms include shortness of breath, nausea, dizziness, light headedness or headaches.

Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning, but infants, pregnant women and people with physical conditions that limit their ability to use oxygen, such as emphysema, asthma or heart disease, can be

more severely affected by low concentrations of CO than healthy adults. High levels of CO can be fatal for anyone, causing death within minutes.

One of the many goals of the Troy Fire Prevention Division is to reduce the likelihood of carbon monoxide incidents in Troy.

- Make sure your home has a carbon monoxide alarm. Install CO alarms inside your home to provide early warning of accumulating CO.
- Have your heating equipment inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and CO alarms.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month.
- If your CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location and call 911 for help. Remain at the fresh air location until emergency personnel arrive.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries or other trouble indicators.

Contribute to the Troy Police/Veterans Holiday Drive

The Troy Police Department conducts their annual food drive with the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Drop off items at the Police Desk until **December 17** (500 W. Big Beaver, open 24 hours) or the Troy VFW (2375 E. Maple, between John R and Dequindre, 248.689.7289). Checks made out to the "Troy VFW Post #4037" are also accepted in the food drive.

Holiday gifts for specific families in need are being collected if you would like to provide items or adopt a family. The Police Department and VFW Post oversee the deliveries to the families. They keep those they assist in complete confidence.

To learn more about how you can help, please call Officer Andy Breidenich at 248.524.3464.

Our well-organized groups of dedicated and caring Troy volunteers ensure that collected Food/Gift contributions are given directly to those persons needing assistance.

Cub Scouts lead Toy Drive to assist the Police/Veterans Holiday Drive

Cub Scout Pack 1706 from Martell Elementary will be holding their Third Annual Toy Drive on **December 5** from **7-9 pm** at the Troy Community Center. All toys collected will be given to the Troy Police Department to be delivered to those in need here in Troy. Please feel free to drop off a toy for our scouts to wrap, and stay to enjoy the holiday festivities.



Troy Police & Fire Benevolent Association Hockey Game



February 27
7 pm
Troy Sports
Center, 1819 E.
Big Beaver

The Troy Police & Fire Benevolent Assoc. (TPFBA) hosts their annual fundraiser hockey game. Come cheer on the Troy Police Hockey Team.

The TPFBA helps City of Troy Police, Fire, and general employees when they or their family is in a time of crisis, especially when related to on the job injury or death.

Tickets will be available in January for the game and special pregame and postgame events, call 248.524.3446 with inquiries. General tickets are \$10 and special ticket packages will also be available. You won't want to miss out on the fun at this annual event!

Make preparations for the upcoming winter weather with these safe driving tips

- Before winter weather arrives, make sure your vehicle is in good condition, especially the tires. Temperature extremes always bring out the worst in your car, like dead batteries, soft tires, gasoline freeze, and carburetor and heating problems. Make sure that your antifreeze is at the proper level, that your wiper blades are new and your washer reservoir is full with a freeze-resistant cleaning solution.
- Prepare an emergency kit for your car. Include things like warm clothing, boots, stocking cap, gloves or mittens, flashlight with fresh batteries, flares, small shovel, sand or kitty litter, blankets, and fresh first-aid supplies. You may also want to include candy bars or other nutritious snacks, as well as a supply of small candles and matches. A single lit candle in your vehicle can provide warmth that will help you survive for many hours, and with precautions is much safer than letting the engine run.
- Always clear all of the ice and snow from your vehicle, including windows and windshield wipers.
- Slow down and be alert for other vehicles around you that may lose control, and allow at least four car lengths between vehicles.
- Always approach intersections cautiously. Many are thrown off guard as they try to stop at an intersection only to discover that it is ice-covered and slippery. This is caused by the moisture emitting from the exhaust of cars waiting at a busy intersection and quickly freezing on the pavement.
- Allow no less than a car-length in front of you when you are stopped behind another vehicle at a slippery intersection, and always watch your rear-view mirror for cars that may approach you too fast from behind. Often this extra margin of safety will allow you to pull forward in the event that an approaching vehicle begins to slide. If the intersection is slippery you can signal other drivers to the danger by turning on your hazard flashers.
- Ice can form on road surfaces anytime the air temperature drops to 40 degrees or less, especially when it is windy. Bridges and underpasses can be especially hazardous. Early morning hours are particularly dangerous as the moisture has had an opportunity to sit on the cold pavement and freeze.
- To avoid skids, slow down and minimize your brake use. The most effective way to stop on ice and snow is to apply your brakes gently well in advance of the point where you intend to stop.
- Vehicles respond differently to icy roads, so know your vehicle – front wheel drive vs. rear wheel drive. Also know its braking system. If you have ABS, apply steady pressure to the brake pedal during the entire stop and resist lifting your foot off the pedal when you feel and hear it vibrate. *Do not pump ABS brakes.* The opposite is required if you don't have ABS: gently pump the brakes during slippery conditions to retain traction and avoid skids.
- During inclement weather let people know where you are going, your route of travel, and when you expect to arrive. As you travel, stay alert and know precisely where you are at all times in the event you need to call for help.

ALARM PERMIT APPLICATION

**Mail to: Troy Police Department-Community Services
500 W. Big Beaver Troy MI 48084**

(COMPLETE IF ALARM IS AT A RESIDENTIAL LOCATION)

APPLICANT NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ APT _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE NUMBER(S): HOME _____ WORK _____

(COMPLETE IF ALARM IS AT A BUSINESS)

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____
 ADDRESS OF ALARM LOCATION: _____
 BILLING ADDRESS: _____
 BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER(S): _____

(IF APPLICABLE)

ALARM MONITORING COMPANY: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE NUMBER: _____

PERSONS TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

OWNER ☐ MANAGER ☐ EMPLOYEE ☐ NEIGHBOR ☐ RELATIVE ☐ FRIEND ☐KEY TO BUILDING/HOME? YES ☐ NO ☐

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

OWNER ☐ MANAGER ☐ EMPLOYEE ☐ NEIGHBOR ☐ RELATIVE ☐ FRIEND ☐KEY TO BUILDING/HOME? YES ☐ NO ☐

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OWNER ☐ MANAGER ☐ EMPLOYEE ☐ NEIGHBOR ☐ RELATIVE ☐ FRIEND ☐KEY TO BUILDING/HOME? YES ☐ NO ☐*****CHECK PAYABLE TO "CITY OF TROY" FOR \$10 MUST BE ENCLOSED*******Register your alarm with the
Troy Police Department**

All residential and commercial alarm users must renew their alarm registration each year. Alarm registrations expire December 31. Registration is due by January 30, 2009. **If your alarm is not registered** and causes an emergency response to a false alarm, you will be assessed a fine of \$100 for each occurrence until the alarm is properly registered.

To register your alarm, complete or update your alarm user permit and pay the registration fee of \$10 for each type of alarm control panel in use. (Typically, a household alarm has only one main control panel.)

Please mail or deliver the completed alarm permit application and check for \$10 (no cash please) made payable to the "City of Troy":

**Troy Police Department
Community Services Section
500 W. Big Beaver
Troy MI 48084**

Registered alarms will not be fined for your first two false alarms for the calendar year.

If you would like more information, please call 248.680.7224.

Residential Crime Alert Network

The Troy Police Department Community Services Section administers the Residential Crime Alert Network. This e-mail network is used to disseminate information to Troy residents on current crime trends and safety issues and give crime prevention tips as they relate to the residents of Troy. We are currently accepting Troy residents that are interested in being added to this network list to receive information.

How to get on the list:

Send an e-mail with your information to troydpcrimealert@troy.mi.gov providing the following:

Name
 Address
 Phone Number
 e-mail Address

Specify if you would like to receive the residential or business alerts. For more information contact the Troy Police Department at 248.524.3464 or 248.680.7224.

Summer Laborer recruitment

The Troy Human Resources Department will begin accepting applications for Summer Laborers for the 2009 season on Monday, December 29, 2008. Applicants must be 18 or a high school graduate with a good driving record. Pay starts at \$8/hr. with bonus opportunities. Applications will be available at the Human Resources Department (500 W. Big Beaver, 248.524.3339) and on the City's website, www.troymi.gov.



University of Michigan vs. Ohio State Blood Battle

Friday, November 21, 9 am-3 pm

The Troy Community Center takes on Ohio's Worthington Community in this battle for bragging rights before the big game on Saturday.

Stop by the Troy Community Center to donate blood on November 21 from 9 am-3 pm. You can also make an appointment to donate by calling 248.524.1147.

The two community centers are squaring off in a variety of events including a Cardio Challenge, log your hours at the Fitness Control Desk in the Community Center.

Call 248.524.3484 after November 24 to find out which city's community center brings home the honors.

Preschool Expo

Wednesday, January 21, 6-8 pm

Families seeking information about area preschools won't want to miss the 2009 Preschool Expo slated for Wednesday, January 21 from 6-8 pm at the Troy Community Center, Rooms 304-305.

The City of Troy offers this event to benefit the entire community. It is a comprehensive forum to help parents identify the best daycare and preschool match for their family.

Some 25 area licensed daycare and preschool providers will be participating in the 2009 Preschool Expo.

Help to avoid foreclosure

As the economy drastically changes around us, the City of Troy offers resource information to help our residents.

The City is presenting a **free workshop** on **January 14, 2009** from 7-8:30 pm at the Troy Community Center, dealing with economic uncertainty and ways to protect the American Dream you worked so hard to attain. Speakers from Green Path Debt Solutions will cover money management, budgeting, credit, debt, and foreclosure issues. Additional topics concerning the basics of foreclosure, the foreclosure timeline, what to expect and what to do if you are at risk of foreclosure will be discussed by speakers from Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, Lighthouse and Oakland County Housing Counseling.

Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is a nonprofit dedicated to reducing foreclosures and preserving homeownership for American homeowners. HPF's cornerstone service is the Homeowner's HOPE Hotline, a foreclosure prevention counseling service available free to American homeowners by calling 888.995.HOPE.

Remember, you're not alone. Millions of people across the U.S. have trouble with their mortgage every year. The Homeownership Preservation Foundation has a single mission: to help homeowners avoid foreclosure. The help they offer is free.

Counselors will arm you with education and support that assists you in overcoming immediate financial issues.

Read more about it at:

www.nw.org/network/foreclosure

www.995hope.org

Did you receive a new television for Christmas?

With the big digital TV change coming in February, many people have upgraded their old TV sets. If your old set doesn't have a new home, don't throw it away!

Televisions can be recycled at SOCRRA. Troy residents, make an appointment to drop off your old TV (and other electronics) free of charge by calling 248.288.5153.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Free self-serve Christmas tree drop-off will be available at the



following Oakland County parks. Dispose of your tree in an environmentally-friendly way! The drop-off service runs from **December 26-January 12**, seven days a week from 9 am-4 pm. Please remove all decorations, metal, plastic, and string.

- Addison Oaks - 248.693.2432, 1480 West Romeo Rd., Leonard
- Catalpa Oaks - 248.858.0916, 27725 Greenfield Rd., Southfield
- Groveland Oaks - 248.634.9811, 14555 Dixie Highway (at Grange Hall Rd.), Holly
- Independence Oaks - 248.625.0877, 9501 Sashabaw Rd., Clarkston
- Lyon Oaks - 248.437.7345, 52251 Pontiac Trail, Wixom
- Springfield Oaks - 248.634.7899, 12451 Andersonville (near Hall Rd.), Davisburg
- Waterford Oaks - 248.858.0916, 2800 Watkins Lake Rd., Waterford
- Glen Oaks - 248.851.8356, 30500 13 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills
- Red Oaks - 248.541.5030, 29600 John R, Madison Heights
- White Lake Oaks - 248.698.2700, 991 Williams Lake Rd., White Lake

Services for Persons with Disabilities

<i>Adaptive Recreation & Sports</i>	248.524.3484
<i>Adaptive Toys & Educational Materials at the Library</i>	248.524.3538
<i>ADA Coordinator, Brian Murphy</i>	248.524.3329
<i>Friendship Club Newsletter</i>	248.524.3484
<i>Home Chore Program</i>	248.524.3399
<i>Hospital Equipment Loan Closet</i>	248.524.3484
<i>Library Outreach (Home Delivery)</i>	248.524.3554
<i>Meals for Homebound Persons</i>	248.689.0001
<i>Medi-Go Plus Transportation</i>	248.457.1100
<i>Radio for Visually Impaired (on loan), broadcasts Detroit Information Service</i>	248.524.3484
<i>Smart Dial-a-Ride</i>	248.362.3436
<i>Video Magnifier</i>	use @ Library/Community Center
<i>Video Phone for Persons Using Sign Language at the Community Center</i>	248.524.3484
<i>Wheelchair Sports</i>	248.858.7596

5th Annual Troy Train Show

Sunday, January 18, 2009

10 am-3 pm

Athens High School, 4333 John R

Attend one of Michigan's most highly anticipated train shows. There will be 350 vendors selling railroad-themed merchandise, operating layouts, rides on Little Obie, door prizes, a youth activity corner, and more. General Admission is \$3, children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult.

All proceeds from this event are returned directly to Troy School District students through Troy Foundation For Educational Excellence teacher grants and student scholarships.

www.TroyTrainShow.org

Community Kaleidoscope

Sunday, January 25, 2009 from 12-4 pm

Community Center, 3179 Livernois

Shake off the winter blues at Community Kaleidoscope. This free event features an open swim, games, crafts, stage entertainment and a community service expo. There will be storytelling, open gym and more. Open to the public, no admission fee. For details call 248.524.1147.



TO BENEFIT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF TROY
 San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver
Sunday, March 1, 2009
1-4 pm

Tickets \$40 in advance (Makes a great holiday gift!)

\$50 at the door (if available)

Ticket includes raffle entry for a three-day trip to the Grand Canyon with airfare.

Great food from more than 30 Troy restaurants,
 Silent Auction, Live Auction, Raffles and Door Prizes.
 For tickets, call the Boys & Girls Club at 248.689.1687.

State of the City address

The Troy Chamber of Commerce hosts the State of the City address. Mayor Louise Schilling will present her speech on Thursday, **February 12, 2009** at the Troy Community Center. The lunch takes place at 11:30 am and the address will be given at 12:30 pm. For ticket information, contact the Troy Chamber at 248.641.8151.



MLK Day 2009: A Celebration of Freedom January 19, Athens High School, 8:30 am



Student artwork

Each year in Troy, the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is honored through art displays, essays and amazing speakers. Mark your calendar and plan to honor the memory of one of the greatest men in America's history. To become a sponsor, please call 248.524.1147.



Program:

Unity Walk led by Rev. Deedee Coleman, Wings of Faith, Inc.
 Troy Honors Choir Presents – "I Remember Martin Luther

King, Jr." by Ruth Roberts

Hill Elementary Student Wax Museum

Student Essay Winners

Troy School District Art Exhibit

Middle School and High School Essay Contest:

Students may compete in a short essay contest (100 words or less) on the topic, "How Can the Teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Influence a Current Issue in Today's Society?" **Essays are due December 17.** The winners will present their essays at A Celebration of Freedom on January 19. Winners receive \$50 and a certificate for a personal bowling party at Troy Lanes or Bowl One. Check with your student's English teacher or call 248.524.1147 for details.

Video Production & Editing Training



Community Media Network (CMN) offers training in video production and editing so you can produce television that appears on its Public Access cable channel.

A 10-class series meets once per week for two hours in the evening and uses a hands-on approach to teach the use of cameras, lighting, and audio equipment. Students partake in all of the production crew positions typically found in a studio production. Class graduates may then use the CMN equipment and facilities **FREE OF CHARGE** to create programs for local public access television.

A four-class series explores the exciting world of computer-based video editing using Final Cut Express software on Apple iMacs. Learn how to piece together a video project using various effects, music, graphics and techniques often seen on commercial TV and film.

The classes repeat throughout the year, and the cost for each series is \$75. Materials are provided; space is limited. Troy residents or individuals from nonprofits that serve Troy may enroll by calling CMN at 248.589.7778. CMN is located at 1230 Souter Dr. in Troy.

www.cmntv.org